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Men’s and Women’s Soccer Candidates Announced for the 2016 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (October 4, 2016) – Sixty NCAA® men’s and women’s soccer student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected as candidates today for the 2016 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate soccer. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Of the 60 candidates, 29 have grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher, 13 are returning All-Americans and 12 are on the preseason watch list for the Missouri Athletic Club’s Hermann Trophy, which recognizes the top player in collegiate soccer. Outside of academics and athletics, all candidates also have been consistently involved in community service on their campus or in their communities.

Each of the two candidate classes will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winners will be announced during the 2016 NCAA Men’s and Women’s College Cup® championships in December.

For more information on all the candidates, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](mailto:www.seniorclassaward.com).

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**Men's Soccer Candidates**

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| Lalas Abubakar, Dayton | Sergio Manesio, Cleveland State |
| Oyvind Alseth, Syracuse | Simon Megally, DePaul |
| Michael Amick, UCLA | Skyler Milne, Utah Valley |
| Brandt Bronico, Charlotte | Tyler Moorman, Detroit Mercy |
| Udi Cohen, Hartford | Mark Moulton, Omaha |
| Paddy Foss, Virginia | Brian Nana-Sinkam, Stanford |
| David Goldsmith, Butler | Alex Neff, Utah Valley |
| Sam Hamilton, Denver | Colin O’Neil, Colgate |
| Ian Harkes, Wake Forest | Brad Ruhaak, Akron |
| Jacori Hayes, Wake Forest | Carlos Ruiz, UMass Lowell |
| Joseph Holland, Hofstra | Ben Sampson, Delaware |
| Danny Jensen, Ohio State | Tanner Thompson, Indiana |
| Daniel Johnson, Louisville | Chris Wingate, New Hampshire |
| Tyler Kidwell, Ohio State | Phil Woods, Missouri State |
| Darrin MacLeod, Drake | Justin Worley, Lehigh |

**Women's Soccer Candidates**

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| Maddie Bauer, Stanford | Simone Kolander, Minnesota |
| Jenny Bitzer, Manhattan | Ashley Lawrence, West Virginia |
| Rachel Bloznalis, Boston University | Rose Lavelle, Wisconsin |
| Kadeisha Buchanan, West Virginia | Clara Logsdon, William & Mary |
| Kristen Crowley, Florida State | Paige Lombard, Pennsylvania |
| Courtney Dike, Oklahoma State | Leah Mattingly, Ball State |
| Mackenzie Dowd, Northeastern | Sarah Grace Nicholson, Drake |
| Natalie Fenske, North Dakota State | Morgan Proffitt, Marquette |
| Mandy Freeman, USC | Casie Ramsier, Auburn |
| Christina Gibbons, Duke | Alexa Schneider, Albany |
| Meggie Dougherty Howard, Florida | Julie Spracklin, Monmouth |
| Darian Jenkins, UCLA | Morgan Stearns, Virginia |
| Abby Jones, Clemson | Murielle Tiernan, Virginia Tech |
| Savannah Jordan, Florida | Tabitha Tindell, Florida Gulf Coast |
| Serina Kashimoto, Butler | Koree Willer, Iowa State |

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**ABOUT THE AWARD**

An acronym for C*elebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the [Senior CLASS Award](http://www.seniorclassaward.com/) honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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